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and a new Station would be of great use to the inhabitants of the locality.

Dewan's reply.—The Superintendent of Police will be asked to report on the requests for more Police.

(3). CIVIL JUSTICE.

30. The desirability of introducing certain reforms in the (Civil) Judicial Department.

Mr. Parasurama Iyer Narayana Iyer (Member, Karthigapalli taluk) represented that the practice of levying full process fee in the case of different *karas* or *muries*, as at present carried on, was wrong on the face of the Government order fixing the *pakuthi* as the unit. He further stated that, at present, warrants were not issued in time, and this delay rendered attempts for the execution of decrees futile, and so he suggested that the Courts should be directed to issue warrants soon after the receipt of the application, on receipt of an extra fee of Rs. two. Another matter was that great difficulty was felt in the matter of obtaining encumbrance certificates for bringing to sale the properties attached, and he proposed that the Courts concerned should be directed to obtain the certificates from the Sub-Registry offices on the receipt of the necessary fees from the parties. As an alternative, he suggested the keeping of a register in the Sub-Registry offices, which would give ready reference to the various encumbrances relating to immoveable properties.

Dewan.—The opening of a book as suggested by the Member is in contemplation.

The Member then referred to the inconvenience caused to a female witness, claiming exemption from attendance in the Courts, in that she had to defray the cost of examining her on commission, and he suggested that in such cases the party citing her as witness should be directed to defray the charges.

Then the Member spoke on the difficulties experienced in the matter of getting sanction for suing in respect of *kandukrishi* lands and with regard to the refund of the value of unused stamp papers. He further urged the necessity for providing adhesive labels up to the value of Rs. ten to suit the convenience of the parties. The transfer of the Krishnapuram Munsiff's Court to Kayenkulam was also advocated on the ground of the greater convenience it would afford to the people of the adjacent places. In conclusion, the Member requested that the small cause jurisdiction of the Munsiffs should be reduced to Rs. 50 or that appeals should be allowed against their decisions in such cases.

Dewan.—(Referring to the last request) No such thing could be allowed.

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